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SUBJ: GOC OUTLINES LATEST SOLUTION IN FRONTIER DISPUTE

1. PRESIDENT FELIX MALLOUM RETURNED TO NDJAMENA JULY 23 FROM THE 15TH OAU SUMMIT AT KHARTOUM. ALTHOUGH HE HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT, JULY 24 INFOTCHAD OUTLINES THE LATEST GOC VIEWS ON THE CHAD-LIBYA FRONTIER DISPUTE.

2. LOCAL PRESS TODAY EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH CHADIANCONFLICT WAS NOT AMONG LIST OF OAU RESOLUTIONS GIVEN TO PRESS AT KHARTOUM, IT HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY HEADS OF STATE IN THEIR CLOSED DOOR SESSION. NOT ONLY DID PRESIDENT MALLOUM AND FOREIGN MINISTER TRIKI

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DISCUSS ISSUE AT SOME LENGTH, BUT GABON PRESIDENT BONGO INITIALLY RAISED MATTER AT OAU SUMMIT. FINAL RESOLUTION WAS NOT TAKEN UNTIL JULY 22 SESSION WHEN CONFERENCE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI PREFACED HIS CLOSING REMARKS WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT QUOTE CHAD AND LIBYA HAVE AGREED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY NIGERIA UNQUOTE.

3. IN GOC VIEW RESOLUTION IS SATISFACTORY, EVEN THOUGH NOT INCLUDING ALL ELEMENTS SOUGHT BY MALLOUM, BECAUSE IT ESSENTIALLY ACCOMPLISHES SAME PURPOSE BY NOTING REPORT OF LIBREVILLE AD HOC COMMISSION, RENEWING LATTER'S MANDATE, AND ESTABLISHING NEW BODY TO MEDIATE. TERMINATING FORMER COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AND COMPRISING NEW GROUP OF SUDAN, NIGER, NIGERIA AND CAMEROON REMOVES ONE OF THORNIEST PROBLEMS FOR CHADIANS, WHICH WAS INCLUSION OF LIBYA AS MEDIATOR IN CONFLICT IT HAD CREATED.

4. COMMENT: LOCAL OBSERVERS ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THERE WILL BE ANY REAL RESULTS IN SHORT TERM, PARTICULARLY SINCE NO CALENDAR HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE NEW GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION. OPTIMISTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, POINT OUT THAT THE THIRD ARMY ATTACK ON BOL AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED OFFENSIVE ACTIONS RUMORED FOR THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OAU SUMMIT HAVE NOT TAKEN PLACE AND MAY NOW BE ON THE BACK BURNER. FRENCH RECONNAISSANCE, MOREOVER, STILL HAS NOT CONFIRMED ANY LARGE TROOP MOVEMENTS, ALTHOUGH A CHADIAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE GARRISONS AT SALAL AND ARADA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN

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